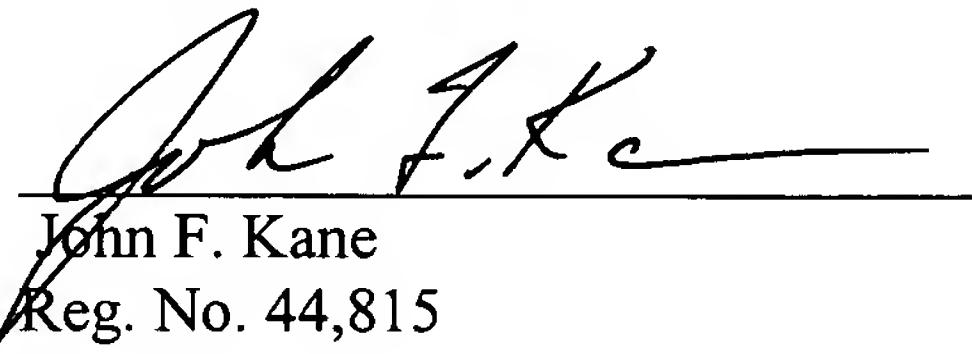


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 2, 11, and 12 remain the same. Claims 1, 3-10, and 13 have been amended to remove multiple dependency to more clearly point out and distinctly claim that which the applicant regards as the invention. Claim 14 has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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